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William E. Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Administrator's Board of Directors

FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Chairman Kennard:

On behalf of EdLiNC, the undersigned national public and private schools and library associations, representing millions of students, teachers and administrators, and lifelong learners, enthusiastically endorse the nomination of Reverend William F. Davis, O.S.F.S., Assistant Secretary for Catholic Schools and Public Policy of the United States Catholic Conference (USCC), to serve on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors (USAC) representing schools that are eligible to receive support from the Universal Service Program.

Father Davis has been involved in education for 40 years as a teacher and administrator in a number of secondary schools located in major urban areas, as a superintendent of schools administering educational programs in schools located in urban, suburban and semi-rural areas, and as the Director of Education for his religious community where he coordinated graduate educational and leadership-training programs for seminarians and clergy. For the last 10 years, he has been actively involved in developing policy and positions, congressional testimony and research proposals on a wide variety of educational issues for the USCC, the public policy agency for the Catholic Bishops of the United States. USCC represents over 8,600 schools, 2.6 million students and millions of parents and teachers. Catholic schools comprise 33 percent of all private schools, 25 percent of all schools in the United States, and 51 percent of all private school students. Nearly 12 percent of the nation's K-12 students are enrolled in private schools.

The USCC has played a major role in support of the development of the E-rate program, its inclusion in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the passage of the final bill. Since then, the USCC has continued to work collaboratively with the EdLiNC on a variety of E-rate implementation and funding issues before the FCC as well as the design and dissemination of materials used to alert and educate public and private schools and libraries to the value of the E-rate. In addition, Father Davis joined FCC Chairman Kennard and representatives of the NEA and ALA at a press conference in June 1999 advocating the funding of the E-rate at \$2.25 billion in Year Two and announcing the EdLiNC publication "*Connecting Kids and Communities*." Over the last year, a USCC representative was actively involved in the second EdLiNC publication, "*E-Rate: Keeping the Promise to Connect Kids and Communities to the Future*." This publication showed the effectiveness of the E-rate in public and private schools and libraries. Father Davis has worked regularly with other private school

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groups in providing information to the FCC, USAC, and SLC on the unique needs of private and religious schools. He and the USCC have also worked with their public school and library counterparts to address the common needs of all of these diverse groups as they strive to link all school-age children and lifelong learners to the new technology advances available now and that may be available in the future.

Sincerely,

American Library Association
Association of Educational Service Agencies
Council of Chief State School Officers
National Association of Independent Schools
National Catholic Educational Association
National Education Association
National Education Knowledge Industry Association
National School Boards Association
United States Catholic Conference

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DATE OF BIRTH: October 2, 1933 **SOCIAL SECURITY #:** 124-24-5357

MEMBER: Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

ORDAINED: June 3, 1961

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Ed.D. (1990) Catholic University of America

Major: Educational Administration

Dissertation: Standards for Catholic Elementary Schools: An
Analysis of Self-Study Instruments and Perceptions

M.A. (1967) Villanova University

Major: U.S. History

A.B. (1958) Catholic University of America

Major: Philosophy

Additional Course Work:

1985 - Salve Regina College

1984 - University of San Francisco

1980 - 1982 - Loyola College of Baltimore

1958 - 1962 - De Sales School of Theology

1951 - 1953 - Niagara University

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

1990 to Present: Assistant Secretary for Catholic Schools and Public Policy in the Department of Education of the United States Catholic Conference, Washington, DC.

The staff member responsible for assisting in the development and implementation of USCC policies

in the areas affecting Catholic elementary and secondary schools, especially in the area of gaining expanded and equitable participation of students and staff in federal assistance programs. This is done by serving as USCC staff person to key department advisory committees, coordinating policy efforts with other USCC offices (e.g.- General Counsel, Government Liaison, Communication, Social Development, etc.) and other private school groups, preparing testimony, pursuing policy issues with federal agencies and legislators and planning annual legislative conference. Serves on the National Marketing Campaign for Catholic Schools planning committee and the Diocesan Educational/Catechetical Leadership Project Coordinating Committee. Coordinates the USCC's current Research Associate project with the University of Notre Dame. Works with the Office for Catholic School Parental Rights Advocacy on public policy issues of concern to Catholic school parents.

1986 - 1990: Personnel and Education Director for the Wilmington - Philadelphia Province of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales.

Responsible for all matters relating to the professional development and placement of province members in the various ministries which included colleges, seminaries, secondary schools, parishes, campus ministry, retreat centers, chaplaincies, foreign missions and pastoral support programs. The Province during this time had approximately 300 members with members assigned in states from New Jersey and Pennsylvania south to Florida. Organized a leadership training program for prospective educational and parish administrators. Coordinated the graduate study programs for seminarians and other province members. Served on the province and congregational planning committees. Chaired province committee that evaluated and made recommendations relating to all current province ministry commitments.

1978 to 1986: Superintendent of Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Virginia.

Responsible for all educational programs in schools, grades K to 12. This included 35 schools with an enrollment of 12,900 students and a professional staff of over 700.

In addition to normal supervision of planning, implementation and evaluation of programs and personnel as well as serving as liaison with public and other private schools in the state. During this period five (5) new schools (four (4) elementary and one (1) secondary) were opened. Coordinated a program of administrative and staff development including the annual diocesan Teacher Institute and a program aimed at emphasizing the Catholic nature of the schools. Served as a staff adviser to the Diocesan School and Religious Education Boards. Coordinated studies to determine the feasibility of opening a new diocesan high school, which opened in 1984, and the future prospects for elementary schools in Arlington county. Worked with the Diocesan Office of Religious Education to develop a certification program for religion teachers/catechists. Chaired a joint public - private school committee that developed an alternative process, approved by the Board of Education of the Commonwealth, for the accreditation of private and religious schools in Virginia.

1971 to 1978: Principal Father Judge High School, Philadelphia, Pa.

1966 to 1971: Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director: Father Judge High School.

1965 to 1966: Athletic Director: Father Judge High School.

Father Judge is an archdiocesan high school with an enrollment, during this period, ranging from 2,000 to 2,500 boys and a professional staff of over 100. During this period as Principal and Assistant Principal, the school successfully completed its first Middle States accreditation, revised its system of curriculum offerings and began a computer based scheduling procedure, initiated faculty and student handbooks, planned and implemented a major project for facility improvement and coordinated programs relating to the spiritual, academic and physical development of the students and staff. Served on the archdiocesan team that negotiated contracts with the archdiocesan secondary teachers union. Chaired and served on a number of archdiocesan and Middle States school accreditation committees.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

1996 - Lecturer - Department of Education; Catholic University of America

During 18 years taught Religion, U.S. History, Spanish and English.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/WORKSHOPS/PRESENTATIONS:

NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NCEA):

2000 - Presenter at NCEA Convention in Baltimore: "Second Session: 106th Congress - A Status Report on ESEA Reauthorization and other Education Legislation

1999 - Presenter at NCEA Convention in New Orleans: "The 106th Congress - What Can We Expect for Education?

1998 - Presenter at NCEA Convention in Los Angeles: "The USCC's Education Agenda: An Update

1997 - Presenter at NCEA Convention in Minneapolis: "The Federal Education Agenda - 105th Congress

1996 - Presenter at NCEA Convention in Philadelphia: "The 104th Congress: An Update on the Second Session."

1995 - Presenter at NCEA Convention in Cincinnati: "The 104th Congress: The "Contract With America" and Beyond"

1994 - Presenter at NCEA National Convention in Anaheim: "Goals 2000 and ESEA Reauthorization - An assessment of Legislative Action"

1993 - Presenter at NCEA National Convention in New Orleans: "Legislative Update: A New Administration"

1992 - Presenter at NCEA National Convention in St. Louis on:

- "Federal Programs and Parental Political Action"

- "Educational Choice: Boards/Parents Make it Happen"

1991 - Presenter at NCEA National Convention in Boston: "Federal Programs for Catholic schools"

1989 - Presenter at NCEA National Convention in Chicago: "Standards for Catholic Elementary Schools"

CHIEF ADMINISTRATORS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION (CACE):

2000 - Presenter at CACE Annual Meeting: "Maximizing Participation in Federal Education Programs"

1996 - Presenter at CACE Annual Meeting: "Educational Reform: The Bishops and Federal and State Issues"

1995 - Presenter at CACE Annual Meeting: "Improving America's Schools Act: Regulations and Guidance for Implementation."

1994 - Presenter at CACE Annual Meeting: "ESEA: Reauthorization/Implementation - What Does It Mean For Catholic Schools?"

1993 - Presenter at CACE Annual Meeting: "The Clinton Administration's Education Proposals"

1992 - Presenter at CACE Annual Meeting: "Educational Choice Legislation: The Federal/State Perspective"

1991 - Presenter at New Superintendents' Workshop: "How Catholic Schools Can Access Federal

Programs"

1988 - Delegate to Educational Futures Meeting, Dayton, Ohio

1985 to 1988 - CACE Executive Committee

1984 to 1988 - CACE Schools Division Advisory Board
Chairperson (1986 to 1988)

1984 to 1988 - CACE Resolutions Committee
Chairperson (1985 to 1988)

1985 to 1986 - Project Consultant to study feasibility of NCEA as an accrediting agency. Reported to membership at two CACE meetings

1984 to 1988 - Chairperson of CACE committee to study alternative models of negotiations with teachers. Presenter at the annual CACE meeting and at the convention of the National Association of Catholic School Teachers

VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR PRIVATE EDUCATION (VCPE):

1983 TO 1986 - President

1985 to 1986 - President of the VCPE Commission on Accreditation and Chairperson of the Virginia Non - Public School Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee was formed by the Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction to study alternative approaches to accreditation of non - public schools. Members were drawn from public and non - public schools. The final report was accepted by the Virginia Board of Education

1980 to 1983 - Secretary/Treasurer

VIRGINIA CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION (VCEA):

1985 to 1986 - Founding Chairperson/Executive Secretary

COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN PRIVATE EDUCATION (CAPE):

1983 to 1986 - Virginia Representative to CAPE Board

INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP - UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO:

1991 - Workshop presenter:

- The National Congress on Catholic Schools in the 21st Century
- Catholic Schools: How to Better Access the Services Provided through Federal Programs

DIOCESAN FISCAL MANAGERS:

1992 - Presenter at annual meeting: "Financing Catholic Schools: What Will Work?"

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRIVATE SCHOOL EDUCATION TOWARDS THE 21ST CENTURY - BEIJING, CHINA

1999 - Presenter: "Private Schools as Contributors to the Common Good of Society"

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOK REVIEW: New Ideas for Effective School Improvement: Vision, Social Capital, Evaluation. Authors: William Ramsey and E. Eugene Clark. "Living Light", Spring, 1991

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY: The FY 1994 Appropriations for Full Funding of the Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Reauthorization Act of 1990, PL. 101-637. William F. Davis, OSFS. "Origins", Vol. 23, p.45f

ARTICLES: Accessing Federal Programs *Today's Catholic Teacher* January, 1996; pp. 23 - 27.

Public Policy, Religion and Education in the United States; a chapter in the book Religion and Schooling in Contemporary America: Confronting Our Cultural Pluralism, Thomas C. Hunt and James C. Carper, editors; Garland Publishing, Inc.: New York, 1997.

The Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act in a Republican-Controlled Congress: A View from the Bishops Conference *Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice*, September, 1999; Vol. 3, No. 1; pp. 97 - 106.